

TOWN OF TRURO
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING OF TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2006

The Truro Board of Selectmen met for their weekly session on Tuesday, November 21, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. at the Truro Town Hall, 24 Town Hall Road, Truro. In attendance were: Chairman Alfred Gaechter, Vice-Chairman Gary Palmer, Jan Worthington, Town Administrator Pamela Nolan, Administrative Secretary Julie DuPree, Assistant Town Administrator Charleen Greenhalgh, Martha Nagy, Brenda Boleyn, Susan Kadar, Ansel Chaplin, Patti Tetreault, Tony Jackett, Bill Worthington, John Rice, Carolyn Johnson, Anthony Devito, Derek Burritt of the Banner and Steve Desroche of the Cape Codder. Clerk Christopher R. Lucy and Curtis Hartman were absent.

Mr. Gaechter convened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Minutes: The Board could not act on the minutes because they did not have enough members present.

Public Comment: None.

Shellfish Management Plan: Mr. Chaplin gave the Board an overview of the Shellfish Advisory Committee's recommended management plan and their goals and objectives. It provides for the management of seven potential shellfish areas in Truro. He outlined their goals. They would like to see the Moon Pond area used as a nursery. It has great potential for that. East Harbor has been a disappointment; it will need more tidal flow to be a successful habitat for clams. Another of their goals is sea clam propagation. They also plan to come up with a map of the open areas for Shell fishing. They would like to give input to the BOS on shell fishing permit fees. They feel the Shellfish Warden should get a pay raise, and they recommend that his title be changed to Shellfish Constable, since that is what he really does. Mr. Jackett gave the board a report on Pilgrim Lake, the Moon Pond area, his work with nursery stock, and plans for further sea clam propagation north of the Pilgrim Pond beach area. Ms. Tetreault noted that Mr. Jackett has attended classes and has become certified. **Ms. Worthington moved to accept the draft Shellfish Management Plan and the goals and objectives. Mr. Palmer seconded it.** Mr. Gaechter asked that she amend her motion to approve just the Plan because some of the goals and objectives, such as a pay increase for the Shellfish Warden, would have to be discussed further. **Ms. Worthington amended her motion to acceptance of the draft Shellfish Management Plan. Mr. Palmer seconded her amended motion. Vote: 3-0, unanimous.**

Housing Authority request for waiving of fees: Ms Kadar requested on behalf of the Housing Authority that the Board waive all permit fees that the new owners of the affordable house on Snow's Road will need to obtain. **Mr. Gaechter moved to give authorization to waive the permit fees for the affordable house on Snows' Road. Mr. Palmer seconded it. Vote: 3-0, unanimous.**

MESA map: Ms. Greenhalgh reported on the informational meeting she attended in Wellfleet on November 8th. Sarah Haggerty of the Natural Heritage Endangered Species Program gave a presentation. She indicated that there was a possibility for the remapping of "downtown" Truro, but it is not clear specifically where that area is. Ms. Greenhalgh said there was a strong

impression that a request for town-wide remapping would not be approved; it would be better to ask site by site. The suggestion has been made that we do that outside the CCNS area, which would be approximately 30% of the town. Discussion next centered around the fees charged by NHESP and the impact on property owners. Ms. Haggerity has said that she or someone from the organization will be available to come to a BOS meeting. Mr. Gaechter said he would like to take them up on that and have a joint meeting with all affected committees; those affected should meet first to put together questions, and then invite the NHESP to a group meeting. The questions could be sent to them in advance of the meeting. He would like to schedule the internal meeting in December and the meeting with NHESP in January. Committees to be included would be the Planning Board, ZBA, Open Space, ConsCom, Board of Health and Water Resources Oversight Committee. Ms. Greenhalgh and Ms. Nolan are to set it up.

Appointments: Mr. Palmer moved to appoint Fred Schilpp to the WROC as a representative from ConsCom for a three-year term. Ms. Worthington seconded it. Vote: 3-0, unanimous.

Mr. Gaechter moved to appoint Matthew Kiefer to the Historical Review Board. Ms. Worthington seconded it. Vote: 3-0, unanimous.

COA Grant: Mr. Palmer moved to accept the grant from the Executive Office of Elder Affairs for the COA newsletter and to accept the grant from Elder Services of CC and the Islands for COA transportation services and authorize the Chair to sign them. Ms. Worthington seconded it. Vote: 3-0, unanimous.

Water service application for 137 Shore Road. Mr. Gaechter moved to approve the application from Victor Petkauskos for 137 Shore Road. Mr. Palmer seconded it. Vote: 3-0, unanimous.

Curb Cut, 45 South Highland Road: Mr. Rice explained that this was an existing curb cut that was never cut in for a driveway to house. Mr. Gaechter moved to approve the request for a curb cut for lot one, 45 S. Highland Road. Mr. Palmer seconded it. Vote: 3-0, unanimous.

Curb cut, 1 Kyle Way: Mr. Divito explained that there is an existing driveway to the house on Aldrich Road, but the owner intends to build a garage on her property and requests a new curb cut on Kyle Way to get to the garage. Mr. Gaechter asked if she intends to continue to use the cut on Aldrich Road. Mr. Divito said that she does. The Board discussed that they had previously said they would not grant more than one curb cut for a single property; this one was for two cuts on two different roads. Mr. Palmer moved to approve the curb cut. Mr. Gaechter seconded it. Vote: 2-1, with Ms. Worthington opposed. Mr. Gaechter ruled that this issue would have to be deferred to next week because a quorum of the BOS had not voted in the affirmative.

CC Water Resources Restoration Project: Ms. Greenhalgh explained that she has found out

that the only project included in this is a priority salt marsh project-Pamet River, Route Six at a cost of \$225k. They have requested a letter of support and an endorsement of the watershed agreement. Mr. Gaechter questioned what a letter of support would commit the BOS to. Ms. Greenhalgh was not sure. Mr. Palmer said this project was to replace and enlarge the culvert under Rte. 6A, and the residents in that area do not want to see the Pamet changed. Ms. Worthington said that she would be in favor of the project, but agreed that people would have to be made aware. Mr. Gaechter said if this was just for a study and a proposal, he has no problem, but if their support letter is locking into this, he is not in favor. Donald Liptack of the NRCS will be invited to next week's meeting and the BOS will revisit this.

Revolutionary War artifacts gifting: Ms. Nolan explained that Irene Paine of Charlotte, NC has offered to gift to the town the sword and belt buckle of Daniel Paine; he lived in Truro during the Revolutionary War. Her stipulations are that it not be sold, and that it be suitably displayed in a secure place. Ms. Nolan would like to receive them and have them appraised. Mr. Gaechter questioned if the BOS could ask Ms. Paine for an appraisal. Board members also questioned if it would be better for the Historical Society to have them. Ms. Nolan said Ms. Paine had expressed the wish that the Town have them. Mr. Gaechter then suggested that Ms. Nolan talk to the Historical Society to see if they would be interested in having them displayed at Cobb Library since that is a town building. Mr. Worthington told the Board that he feels the Historical Museum would be the best place for display; Cobb will only be open two days a week. Mr. Gaechter directed that Ms. Nolan should talk to the Historical Society about this.

MUNIS agreement: Mr. Palmer moved to approve the agreement with MUNIS and to authorize the Chair to sign it. Ms. Worthington seconded it. Vote: 3-0, unanimous.

GIS fees: Ms. Nolan explained that this request came from our IT Director. He would like to have a fee schedule to charge for those times when he is asked by various groups to do a GIS analysis and plot the results. That way he would have a mechanism in place to provide citizen service, but as a fee based service. He suggested fees that would cover the costs of time and materials. Mr. Gaechter said that employee time is to be monitored by the Town Administrator, and all requests from committees must come through her. He is not in favor of charging fees for committees. **Mr. Gaechter moved to adopt the fees as presented by Mr. Delius for non-town applications, and that the Town Administrator is responsible for controlling the workload of the GIS preparer and prioritization of when these applications are implemented. Mr. Palmer seconded it.** Under discussion, Mr. Worthington said he thought the prices for citizens were way too low. Ms. DuPree expressed her concern that Mr. Delius is already pulled in millions of directions each day and it is difficult for him to respond to all the requests he receives. She gave as an example the wait time for additions and deletions to the town website. Ms. Nolan agreed that Mr. Delius did have a lot on his plate, but she is going to contract with a vendor to handle the website, so he will have more time. Mr. Gaechter said she should also make clear to Mr. Delius that the fee amounts can be changed if needed. **Vote: 3-0, unanimous.**

Town Administrator's Report: (action items)

- Received notice that Ms. Slade has been recertified by the MA Collectors and Treasurer's

Association. Mr. Gaechter directed her to convey the Board's congratulations.

- Boston College and the MA Lottery would like to recognize men and women who have contributed to the community through athletics. They are soliciting nominations. Mr. Gaechter directed Ms. Nolan to share this information with the school and the Recreation Department.

- Reported that Ms. Greenhalgh's research has discovered that land purchased with Land Bank funds cannot house a veteran's memorial. Mr. Palmer suggested that Ms. Nolan contact the VA to see if these memorials are exempted. Mr. Gaechter suggested she also contact the Attorney General's office. Ms. Nolan informed the BOS that Mr. Masson has offered space at the cemetery across from the PSF for the memorial. The memorial group will be meeting in early December to discuss all the suggested locations.

Selectmen/Liaison Reports: (action items)

Worthington: -Received a request from the Recreation Commission that the Board consider a way during basketball games for the Police Department to do an extra drive-around to ease parent's concerns. Ms. Nolan was directed to speak to Chief Thomas.

- She also was told there is concern that during games in the summer there should be an ambulance there during certain events. The funds needed could come from the Recreation Department budget. Ms. Nolan was directed to speak to Chief Prada on this.

Next week's agenda: Americorp, Conservation Restriction, Appointments, Renewable fuels.

Other business: Mr. Palmer moved to approve a maintenance and service agreement with ThyssenKrupp Elevator and to authorize the Chair to sign it. Ms. Worthington seconded it. Vote: 3-0, unanimous.

At 7:58 p.m. Mr. Gaechter moved to convene in Executive Session under the provisions of MGL Chapter 39, Section 23B to consider negotiations in regard to access to well sites on North Union Field Road and to not reconvene in Open Session. Roll Call Vote: Palmer, aye; Gaechter, aye; Worthington, aye. 3-0, unanimous.

Alfred Gaechter, Chairman

Gary Palmer, Vice-Chairman

Janet W. Worthington

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